

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 14, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-19 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-19 are rejected. Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 15 is requested for the reasons presented below.

Applicants propose canceling claims 1-14 and 16-19 and rewriting claim 15 in independent form. Applicants submit that the changes proposed herein reduce the issues for appeal and do not introduce new matter or raise new issues. Applicants respectfully request entry of the proposed amendment.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Muniz* (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0087432) in view of *Tozzoli, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,588). Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-10 is moot as Applicants propose canceling claims 1-10.

Claims 11-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Muniz* and *Tozzoli, et al.*, and further in view of *Hess, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,058,417). Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 11-14 and 16-19 is moot as Applicants propose canceling claims 11-14 and 16-19. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 15.

The Examiner acknowledges that *Muniz* does not disclose providing technical services comprising at least one of providing system decontamination services and providing system refurbishment systems or receiving an electronic purchase bid having at least one condition of sale relating to technical services to be conducted on the pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system. The Examiner notes that *Muniz* discloses a method in which buyers are offered links to other web pages and directed to vendors providing complementary services and customer service links. The Examiner asserts that it would be obvious that the links to related web sites could include information related to providing system decontamination services and providing system

refurbishment services since these are basic services in a transaction related to buying and selling previously owned equipment and a buyer would want access to links via the website in order to secure such services if equipment were going to be purchased. The Examiner then asserts that it if these services were available to buyers, it would be obvious that buyers may elect to include them in their bid, with the motivation being to purchase services generally required with the purchase of previously used equipment at the time of purchase.

Applicants respectfully submit that *Muniz's* general description of providing online information that may be related to used equipment (which does not recite integrated circuit manufacturing systems as examples of the provided used equipment) and description of providing links to related websites (which are not described as providing either system decontamination services or system refurbishment systems) does not teach or suggest providing technical services related to an integrated circuit manufacturing system available for purchase through an integrated online service, wherein the technical services comprise at least one of providing system decontamination services and providing system refurbishment services. Applicants further submit that the Examiner's assertions that any number of the links to related websites could (emphasis added by Applicants) include information related to providing system decontamination services and system refurbishment services and that a buyer would want access to such links via the website in order to secure the services if the equipment were to be purchased are not sufficient to show that *Muniz* teaches or suggests providing system decontamination services and system refurbishment services.

In response to the Examiner's assertion that if system decontamination services and system refurbishment services were available to buyers, it would be obvious that the buyers may elect to include them in their bid, Applicants note that, as discussed above, *Muniz* does not teach or suggest a method that includes making system decontamination services or system refurbishment services available to the buyers. Applicants submit that in the absence of a teaching or suggestion of providing such services, there is no suggestion in *Muniz* that bids would be received that have a condition of sale relating to technical services that have not been explicitly offered to the

buyer, *i.e.*, technical services comprising at least one of system decontamination services and system refurbishment services.

Applicants further note that *Tozzoli, et al.* and *Hess, et al.*, individually or in combination with *Muniz*, do not teach or suggest providing system decontamination services or system refurbishment services or a method that includes receiving an electronic bid having at least one condition of sale relating to technical services to be conducted on a pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system.

Thus, *Muniz* in view of *Tozzoli, et al.* and *Hess, et al.* does not teach, show, or suggest a method for selling used integrated circuit manufacturing equipment through an integrated electronic sales and technical service platform, comprising posting information regarding pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing systems available for purchase on an Internet web site, providing integrated technical services related to the sale of the pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing systems through the Internet web site, wherein providing integrated technical services comprises at least one of providing system decontamination services and system refurbishment services, receiving an electronic purchase bid for a specific pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system posted on the Internet web site, wherein receiving an electronic purchase bid comprises receiving an electronic purchase bid having at least one condition of sale relating to technical services to be conducted on the pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system, transmitting the electronic purchase bid to a seller of the specific pre-owned integrated circuit manufacturing system, and receiving a purchase bid acceptance from the seller, as recited in proposed claim 15. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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